Home Hazard Hunt Worksheet

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☐ **17.** fireplace bricks



 \square **20.** gas stove with rigid feed line



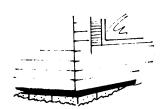
☐ **18.** unattached water heater



21. heavy wall clock

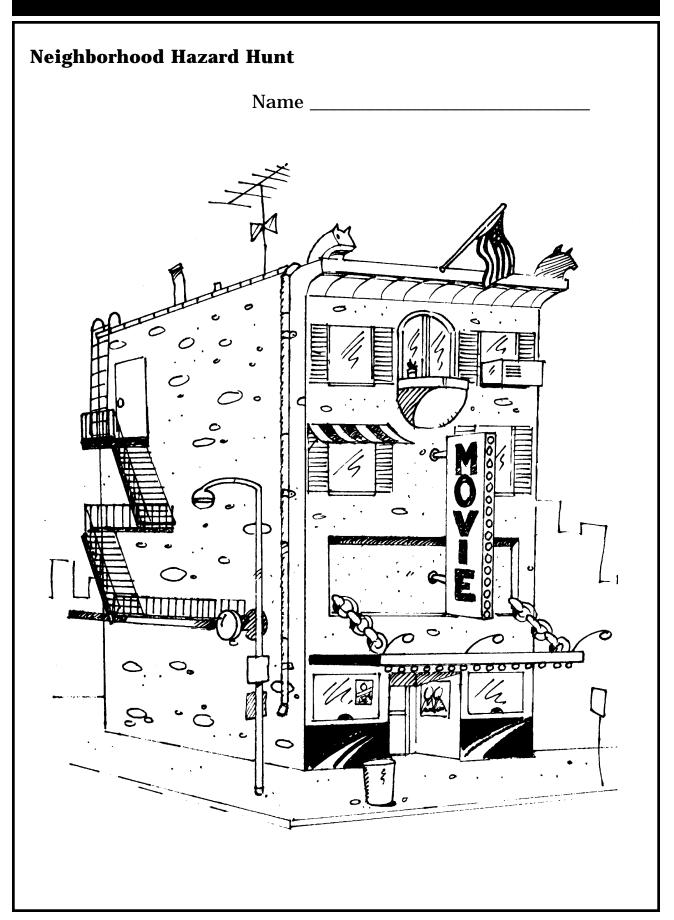


☐ **19.** chimney

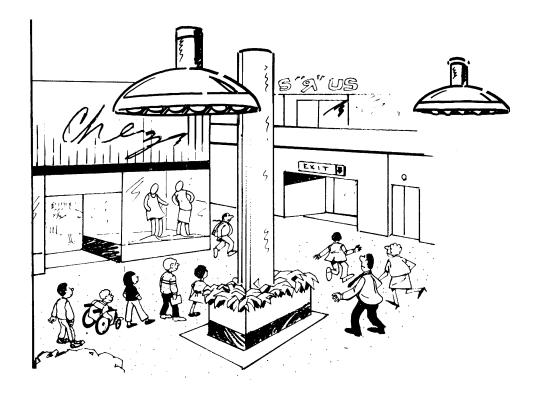


22. house not bolted to foundation

Quake-Safe Home Checklist	
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	1. Place beds so that they are not next to large windows.
	2. Place beds so that they are not right below hanging lights.
	3. Place beds so that they are not right below heavy mirrors.
	4. Place beds so that they are not right below framed pictures.
	5. Place beds so that they are not right below shelves with lots of things that can fal
	6. Replace heavy lamps on bed tables with light, nonbreakable lamps.
	7. Change hanging plants from heavy pots into lighter pots.
	8. Used closed hooks on hanging plants, lamps, etc.
	9. Make sure hooks (hanging plants, lamps, etc.) are attached to studs.
	10. Remove all heavy objects from high shelves.
	11. Remove all breakable things from high shelves.
	12. Replace latches such, as magnetic touch latches on cabinets, with latches that with hold during an earthquake.
	13. Take glass bottles out of medicine cabinets and put on lower shelves. (PARENT NOTE: If there are small children around, make sure you use child-production latches when you move things to lower shelves.)
	14. Remove glass containers that are around the bathtub.
	15. Move materials that can easily catch fire so they are not close to heat sources.
	16. Attach water heater to the studs of the nearest wall.
	17. Move heavy objects away from exit routes in your house.
	18. Block wheeled objects so they cannot roll.
	19. Attach tall furniture such as bookshelves to studs in walls.
	20. Use flexible connectors where gas lines meet appliances such as stoves, water heaters, and dryers.
	21. Attach heavy appliances such as refrigerators to studs in walls.
	22. Nail plywood to ceiling joists to protect people from chimney bricks that could fall through the ceiling.
	23. Make sure heavy mirrors are well fastened to walls.
	24. Make sure heavy pictures are well fastened to walls.
	25. Make sure air conditioners are well braced.
	26. Make sure all roof tiles are secured.
	27. Brace outside chimney.
	28. Bolt house to the foundation.
	29. Remove dead or diseased tree limbs that could fall on the house.



Safety Rules for Shoppers



If an earthquake occurs while you are shopping:

- 1. Do not rush for exits or doors. Injuries occur when people panic and try to leave all at the same time.
- **2.** Move away from windows.
- **3.** Do not use elevators. The electricity may shut off suddenly.
- **4.** Move away from shelves that may topple or could spill their contents when they fall.
- **5.** Try to move against an inside wall.
- 6. Drop and cover:

Get under a table, counter, or bench.

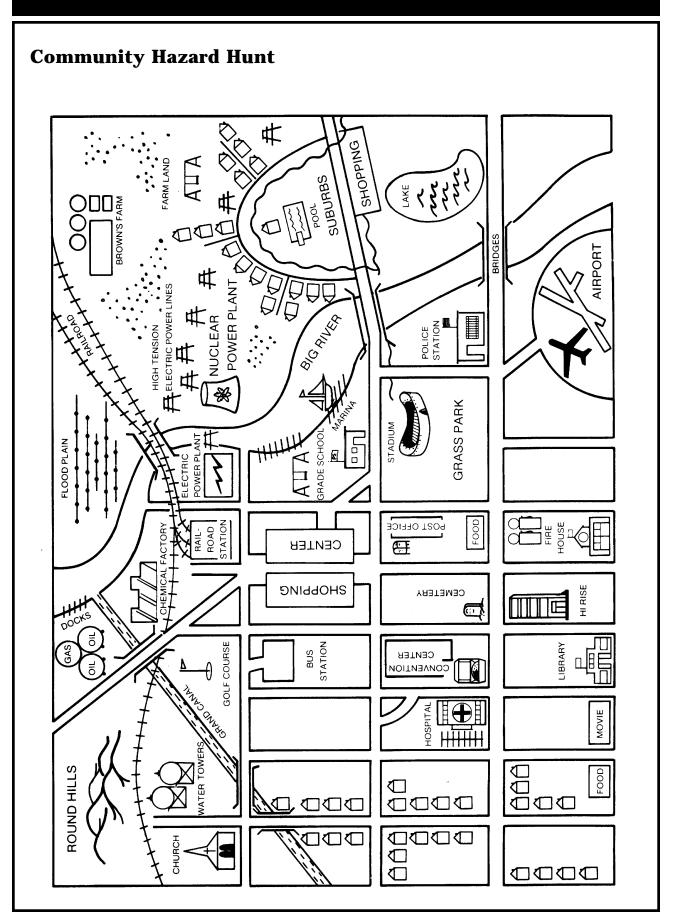
Turn away from windows.

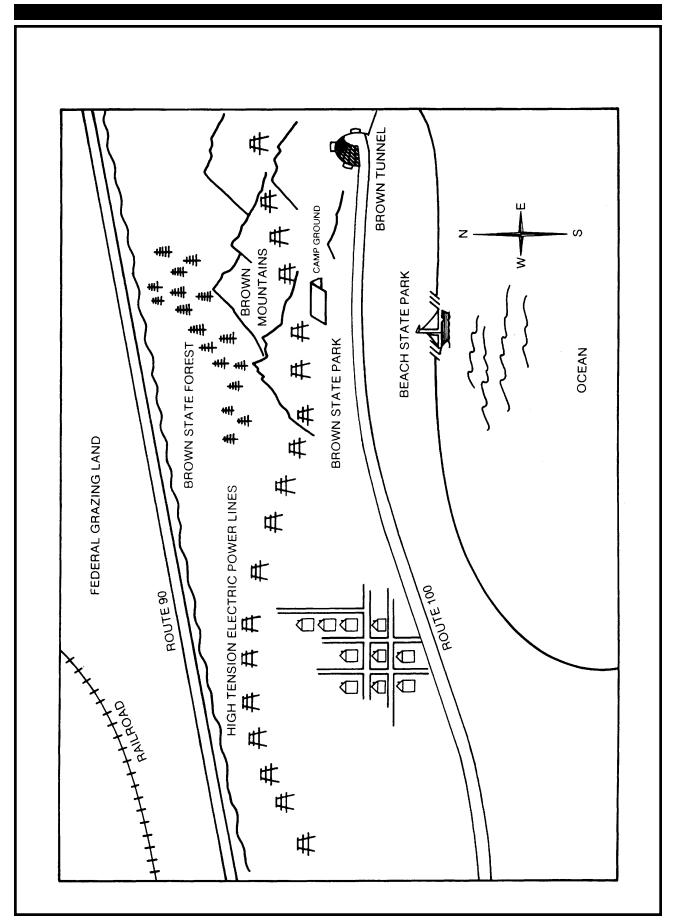
Put both hands on the back of your neck.

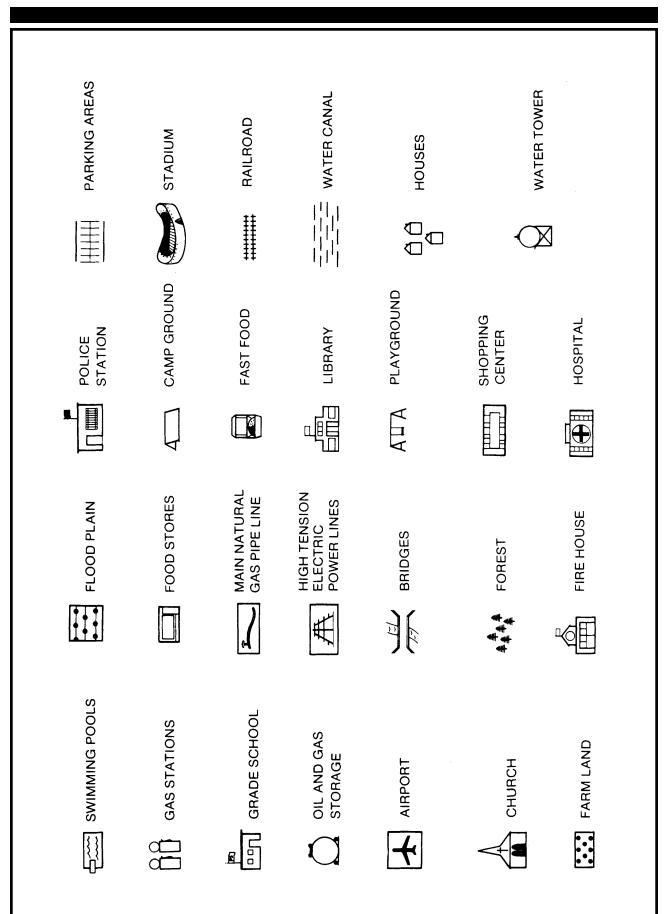
Tuck your head down.

If your shelter moves, hold onto the legs and travel with it.

7. After the shaking has stopped, calmly walk out of the building to a safe area outside, away from buildings.







Drill and Evacuation Checklist Check box if YES **1.** Did everyone know what to do when told to Drop and Cover? **2.** Did everyone follow the procedure correctly? **3.** In the classroom, the library, or the cafeteria, was there enough space for all the students under desks, tables, or counters? **4.** In the gym or in the hallways, were students able to take shelter away from windows, light fixtures, trophy cases, and other hazards? **5.** Do students know how to protect themselves if they are on the playground during an earthquake? If they are in a school bus or a car? **6.** Did everyone remain quietly in their safe positions for at least 60 seconds? 7. Did students with special needs participate in the drill and evacuation? **8.** Did we remember to take our emergency kit and class roster when we evacuated the classroom? **9.** Did everyone go to the safe outdoor area in an orderly way? **10.** If we had to change our evacuation route to get to the safe area, did we make wise decisions?

Home Earthquake Safety

- 1. As a family, determine the safest spots in each room of your home: under heavy pieces of furniture such as tables or desks, in doorways (but be careful of doors slamming shut), and in inside corners.
- **2.** Determine the danger spots in each room. These include any place near:

windows bookcases large mirrors china cabinets

hanging objects stoves

fireplaces

If you're cooking, remember to turn off the stove before taking cover.

3. Discuss, then practice what to do if an earthquake happens while you're at home. (Children who have practiced safe procedures are more likely to stay calm during an actual earthquake.)

Drop and cover:

- Crouch in a safe place (See 1. above)
- Tuck your head and close your eyes.
- Stay covered until the shaking has stopped.
- **4.** Determine an emergency evacuation plan for each room of your home. Keep a flashlight with fresh batteries beside each bed, and shoes to protect feet from glass and other sharp objects.
- **5.** Agree on a safe gathering place outside the house where all family members will meet after an earthquake.
- **6.** Discuss as a family what needs to be done after an earthquake ends.

Reminders:

- Stay calm.
- Be prepared for aftershocks. These may be strong. Take cover if shaking begins again.

Parents Only:

- Check for injuries. Apply first aid as needed.
- Check for fires.
- Shut off electricity at main power, if you suspect damage. Don't turn on and off switches.
- Shut off gas valves, if there is any chance of a gas leak. Detect gas by smell, never by using matches or candles.
- Shut off water inside and out if breakage has occurred.